

Mentored Youth Hunting Regulations

1. The DNR will sell a \$7.50 Mentored Youth Hunting license package starting on March 1, 2012.
2. The package includes:
Spring and fall turkey (on private or public land), deer (two tags), small game, fishing and furbearer licenses.
3. A mentor must be at least 21 years old, have previous hunting experience and possess a current Michigan hunting license.
4. A limit of two hunting devices (shotguns, rifles, bows, etc.) per mentor in the field.
5. No limit on the number of children a mentor can have with him or her in the field.
6. The mentor is responsible for the youth hunter's actions in the field.
7. A youth hunter must be within arm's length of the mentor at all times when handling a hunting device and when in the act of hunting.
8. The mentor shall ensure the hunting device is properly fitted and appropriately suited for the youth hunter.
9. The youth hunter's deer tags can be used only on private land when using a firearm, consistent with current state law for 10-year-old to 13-year-old hunters. Youth who want to hunt with a bow or crossbow may hunt on public or private land.

The Mentored Youth Hunting program is an easy way to introduce children to Michigan's rich outdoor heritage, teach them about the importance of conserving our state's unmatched natural resources and help ensure that our hunting tradition continues to thrive.

Every license purchased means important funding for wildlife habitat improvement and restoration, wildlife research, programs that provide access for public hunting, hunter safety education and much more.

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Pass it on through the DNR's Mentored Youth Hunting program. Learn more at:
www.michigan.gov/mentoredhunting.



New for 2012 **Mentored Youth Hunting License**



**Michigan's
Great Outdoors ...**
Pass It On!

*Choosing the perfect lure,
reeling in your first luncker
after great battle ...*

*Sitting stock still after
catching sight of a handsome
buck, just yards away ...*

*Drinking in the sights and
sounds of the forest for the
first time, feeling right
at home ...*

If you have treasured childhood memories like these – from time spent in the company of family members or friends who wanted to share their love of the outdoors with you – count yourself lucky. Want to keep that tradition going strong? Good news, you can!

The Department of Natural Resources is proud to offer the new Mentored Youth Hunting program (starting March 1, 2012) for the 2012 hunting season – an easy way for experienced Michigan hunters and anglers to inspire the next generation of outdoor enthusiasts.

The Mentored Youth Hunting program is designed to introduce youth under the age of 10 to hunting and fishing, offering a “package” license for just \$7.50. For one low price, youth hunters under the age of 10 will be able to hunt turkey (spring and fall on private or public land), deer (two tags, any deer) and small game, trap furbearers and fish for all species.

By eliminating the minimum hunting age in Michigan, the Mentored Youth Hunting program lets parents determine if and when their child is ready to hunt. The program is geared toward parents and other adult mentors who want to teach children under the age of 10 how to hunt, trap and fish.

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